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SUBJ: PRAVDA IZVESTIYA DIFFER ON GREEK GOVERNMENT SPEECH

1. IZVESTIYA (NOVEMBER 29) AND PRAVDA (NOVEMBER 30) REPORTS OF ANDROUTSOPOULOS RADIO SPEECH (BY RESPECTIVE ATHENS CORRESPONDENTS) DIFFER SIGNIFICANTLY. IZVESTIYA (BEKHTIN) IN NEUTRAL SUMMARY SAYS PRIME MINISTER CRITIZED PAPADEOPOULOS REGIME'S CONCENTRATION OF POWER IN PRESIDENCY AND ITS TWO CONSTITUTIONS. ARTICLE ALSO REPORTS NEW GOVERNMENT PROMISED TO DEVELOP NEW CONSTITUTION AND TO FIGHT INFLATION AND PLEDGED PARLIAMENTARY GOVERNMENT WILL BE RESTORED AND EXTRAORDINARY MEASURES WILL NOT BECOME PERMANENT. ON FOREIGN POLICY IZVESTIYA CORRESPONDENTSAYS ANDROUTSOPOULOS SAID GOVERNMENT WOULD STAND FOR STRENGTHENING OF FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH ALL COUNTRIES.

2. MORE NEGATIVELY COLORED ACCOUNT BY PRAVDA CORRESPONDENT MENSHIKOV SAYS MAIN CONCLUSION OF FOREIGN OBSERVERS IS THAT

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RESTORATION OF ACTIVITIES BY PARLIAMENT AND FORBIDDEN

POLITICAL PARTIES DELAYED FOR INDEFINITE PERIOD. ARTICLE QUOTES ANDROUTSOPOULOS AS SAYING "WHEN COUNTRY IS READY, IT WILL BE LED TO ELECTIONS." WRITER SAYS PRIME MINISTER OFFERED NO SPECIFIC PROGRAM TO DEAL WITH ECONOMIC DIFFICULTIES AND ON FOREIGN POLICY SAID GREECE INTENDS TO REMAIN FAITHFUL TO ALLIES AND ALLIED RESPONSIBILITIES.

3. COMMENT: WE ARE A BIT AT A LOSS TO EXPLAIN THIS UNUSUAL DISCREPANCY IN SOVIET TREATMENT, WHICH UNTIL NOW HAS BEEN UNIFORMLY NEGATIVE ON NEW REGIME.
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